

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISIONRECEIVED
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

v.

CASE NUMBER:

11CR0575

BLAZEJ M. WASILEWSKI

I, the undersigned complainant, being duly sworn on oath, state that the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief: On or about August 27, 2011, at 18701 S. Halsted in Glenwood, in the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division BLAZEJ M. WASILEWSKI defendant herein:

an employee of Chase Bank, the deposits of which were insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, embezzled, abstracted, and purloined at least \$39,765 in United States Currency from Chase Bank with the intent to injure and defraud Chase Bank,

in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 656. I further state that I am a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and that this complaint is based on the facts contained in the Affidavit which is attached hereto and incorporated herein.

Signature of Complainant

R. BRIAN WENTZ

Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence,

August 29, 2011

Date

at

Chicago, Illinois

City and State

Hon. Sheila M. Finnegan, U.S. Magistrate Judge

Name & Title of Judicial Officer

Signature of Judicial Officer

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT)
) SS
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS)

AFFIDAVIT

I, R. BRIAN WENTZ, being duly sworn, state as follows:

1. I am a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and have been so employed for 8 years. My current responsibilities include the investigation of violent crimes, including, among others, kidnaping, bank robbery, and the apprehension of violent fugitives.

2. This affidavit is submitted in support of a criminal complaint alleging that Blazej M. WASILEWSKI has violated Title 18, United States Code, Section 656. Because this affidavit is being submitted for the limited purpose of establishing probable cause in support of a criminal complaint charging WASILEWSKI with bank embezzlement, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 656, I have not included each and every fact known to me concerning this investigation. I have set forth only the facts that I believe are necessary to establish probable cause to believe that the defendant committed the offense alleged in the complaint.

3. This affidavit is based on my personal knowledge, information provided to me by other law enforcement agents, and my interviews of witnesses.

Pre-Theft Activity at Chase Bank

4. According to Employee A, in or around June 2011, the Bank determined that \$25,000 was missing from its teller cash dispensers ("TCD"). Employee A said that after the Bank's employees began looking for the money, the Bank's assistant manager Blazej M. WASILEWSKI located the \$25,000, which was tucked behind a TCD. In addition, Employee A and Employee B advised that on August 26, 2011, a \$25,000 shortage was noted for one of the TCD's canisters that held \$100 bills. Employee A related that s/he told WASILEWSKI and two other bank employees that a full audit of the bank would occur later that evening after 6:00 p.m.

5. According to Employee A, on August 26, 2011, at approximately 6:47 p.m., the Bank lost power and the Bank's telephones, alarm system, and surveillance system were disabled. According to Employee A, after the Bank lost power, Employee A and WASILEWSKI performed the closing procedures for the Bank. WASILEWSKI also contacted Corporate Security, which remotely reset the Bank's alarm system at 7:39 p.m. Employee A related that s/he waited for WASILEWSKI in the Bank's parking lot, and that WASILEWSKI took longer than usual to leave the Bank after closing. According to Employee A, when WASILEWSKI finally left the bank and joined Employee A in the parking lot, he told Employee A that it had taken him a long time to shut the door to the Bank's server room.

6. After the power outage, the Bank's surveillance system remained disabled until

the bank opened the next morning. On August 27, 2011, I reviewed the available surveillance footage, the last image of which occurred just before the Bank's loss of power. In that image, I saw WASILEWSKI, who also was identified by Employee A, walking toward the employee break room which contained the Bank's power panel.

7. The morning of August 27, 2011, Employee A walked into the employee break room area and saw that the doors to the Bank's electrical closet were open and the main power switch was in the off position. Employee A turned on the switch, and the Bank's power was restored. Employee A then entered the Bank's server room and saw that the backup power switch was turned off and the power cords for the two master power supply boxes were unplugged.

August 27, 2011, Theft at Chase Bank

8. According to Chase's Corporate Security personnel, on August 27, 2011, at approximately 1:43 a.m., the perimeter alarm for the Bank was deactivated. Minutes later, at approximately 1:56 a.m., the alarm for the Bank's vault also was deactivated. Chase's Corporate Security's computer system logged the code and name of WASILEWSKI as the individual who deactivated both the perimeter and vault alarms.

9. Later that morning, the Bank opened, and the tellers began the process of filling their teller cash dispensers ("TCD"), which the tellers access by using a code. After accessing the first TCD, Employee B and Employee C saw that one of the canisters, which held \$100 bills, had been pried open and emptied. The employees also saw that the TCD's

second canister was missing. After later conducting an audit, the Bank determined that the branch was short approximately \$65,988.78. As explained above in paragraph 4, \$25,000 of this audited amount was attributed to a shortage discovered by the Bank the previous day, August 26, 2011. According to my review of the website of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC"), on August 27, 2011, the Bank was federally insured by the FDIC (No. 628).

10. At the same time Employee B began the process of filling the TCD the morning of August 27, 2011, s/he saw a key to the Bank's main entrance sitting on the counter near the first TCD. According to Employee A, seven employees have a key that opens the Bank's main entrance, and one of those employees is WASILEWSKI. On the morning of August 27, 2011, I verified that six of those employees, with the exception of WASILEWSKI, still possessed their key. I was unable to verify with WASILEWSKI whether he had his key to the Bank as airline records showed that WASILEWSKI departed on a plane to the Dominican Republic earlier that morning.

**WASILEWSKI's Arrest in the Dominican Republic and
His Statements Regarding the Theft at Chase Bank**

11. On August 27, 2011, investigating agents learned from the Bank's employees and WASILEWSKI's parents that WASILEWSKI had planned to fly to the Dominican Republic. Records obtained from U.S. Airways on August 27, 2011, showed that at or around 6:00 a.m. that same day, WASILEWSKI boarded a flight from Chicago's O'Hare airport bound for Punta Cana in the Dominican Republic. According to FBI agents stationed

in the Dominican Republic, Dominican customs officials searched WASILEWSKI's laptop bag during a border entry search and found \$39,765 in United States Currency. WASILEWSKI was arrested by the Interpol Section of the Dominican National Police for failing to report the recovered currency.

12. On August 28, 2011, FBI agents interviewed WASILEWSKI, who was in the custody of Dominican authorities, after providing him with his *Miranda* warnings. In a written statement WASILEWSKI admitted that he entered the Bank on "Friday night/Saturday morning" and disarmed the Bank's alarm. WASILEWSKI also stated that he opened a "cash dispenser" and "took one bin." After WASILEWSKI left the Bank, he stated that he discarded the "bin" by tossing it out of his car window because he suspected the bin might have a "GPS device in it." WASILEWSKI also stated that he put the money he took from the Bank in his bag and brought it with him to the Dominican Republic.

Conclusion

14. Based on the foregoing, I believe there exists probable cause to believe that Blazej M. WASILEWSKI, a employee of Chase Bank, a federally insured institution, embezzled at least \$39,765 from Chase Bank with the intent to injure and defraud the Bank, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 656.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT,

R. Brian Wentz
Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME
this 29th day of August, 2011.



SHEILA M. FINNEGAN
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE